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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EG, YO, PDIP
SUBJECT: RESIGNATION OF EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN BELGRADE
MURAD GHALEB

1. PRESS DECEMBER 2 REPORTED RESIGNATION OF MURAD GHALEB
EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR IN BELGRADE. PAPERS CONDEMNED GHALEB
AS WELL-KNOWN "SOVIET INSTRUMENT" WHO RESIGNED ONLY AFTER
SOVIET ATTITUDE TOWARD CAIRO CONFERENCE BECAME CLEAR.

2. ACTING FONMIN BUTROS GHALI CONFIRMED RESIGNATION TO
AMBASSADOR DECEMBER 2 AND SAID HE REGRETTED IT BECAUSE
THEY WERE "OLD FRIENDS". GHALI SAID HE REGARDS GHALEB
AS "MARXIST", NOT "COMMUNIST" INTELLECTUAL. HE SAID
GHALEB HAD LONG ASSOCIATION WITH SOVIETS AND HE THOUGHT
IT WAS PARTLY BECAUSE OF SOVIET OPPOSITION TO SADAT'S
PEACE MOVES THAT GHALEB HAD RESIGNED. PERCIPITATING
EVENT WAS EVIDENTLY GHALEB'S RECEPTION OF DELEGATION OF
200 "IRATE ARAB STUDENTS INCLUDING MANY PALESTINIANS".
IN DISCUSSION WITH THEM, GHALI SAID, GHALEB WAS ON
DEFENSIVE AND HAD AGREED WITH SOME OF THEIR COMMENTS
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CRITICAL OF SADAT. IN CIRCUMSTANCES, GHALEB BELIEVED
HE COULD NOT CONTINUE AS AMBASSADOR. GHALI DOES NOT
KNOW AMBASSADOR'S PLANS BUT ASSUMES HE WILL RETURN TO
CAIRO AS HIS WIFE AND CHILDREN ARE HERE.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE RECEIVED NO INDICATION THAT OTHER
MFA OFFICIALS ARE PLANNING TO RESIGN. IN FACT, AS PRE-

VIOUSLY REPORTED, MEMBERS OF MFA WORKING GROUP FOR CAIRO
CONFERENCE INCLUDE MANY OF FORMER FONMIN FAHMY'S CLOSE
ASSOCIATES. IN CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM THEY ARE FULLY
BACKING SADAT'S POLICY DESPITE PRIVATE APPREHENSIONS
(SEPTEL). EILTS

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